BEFORE THE

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

BALTIMORE COUNTY \* CASE NO. 93-333-SPHXA

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### OPINION

This case came before this Board on appeal from a decision of the Deputy Zoning Commissioner dated June 21, 1993. As noted in the appeal letter, the only issue before the Board was the Deputy Zoning Commissioner's determination that the sign on the property not be illuminated. An open hearing was held on December 9, 1993, and, at the conclusion of the evidence and testimony, the Board conducted open deliberations.

The Board finds that Section 20.3.C.1 applies in these proceedings wherein it provides that signs of the type being requested by the Petitioner not be illuminated. It appears to this Board that the Petitioner is requesting a use variance as opposed to an area variance, and under these circumstances, the Board has no authority to grant the requested relief.

However, assuming for the moment that the Board does have authority to grant the illuminated sign, we feel that the evidence and testimony do not support such a finding. The Petitioner's testimony clearly establishes that the lighted sign after 5:00 p.m. would be more of a convenience for him rather than a necessity, since he testified that he does not schedule appointments to see

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clients after 5:30 p.m. It is clear to the Board that the type of sign that the Petitioner wishes to have illuminated for evening purposes is of an advertising nature as opposed to a directional or identification nature for the purpose of his clients. This Board believes that the spirit and intent of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, and in particular Section 203.3.C.1, would not be carried out were this Board to permit such an illuminated sign at this particular site.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE this 16th day of December, 1993 by the County Board of Appeals for Baltimore County

ORDERED that Petitioner's request for an illuminated sign on the subject site be and is hereby DENIED.

Any petition for judicial review from this decision must be made in accordance with Rule 7-201 through Rule 7-210 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

> COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

> > Harry & Buckhister Harry E. Buchheister, Jr.

IN THE MATTER OF THE THE APPLICATION OF

DENNIS E. CUOMO, ET UX FOR A SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE ON PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE DULANEY VALLEY ROAD, 192' NORTH OF SWARTHMORE DRIVE (1018 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD) 9TH ELECTION DISTRICT

4TH COUNCILMANIC DISTRICT

BALTIMORE COUNTY \* CASE NO. 93-333-SPHXA

### CONCURRING OPINION

\* COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

\* BEFORE THE

I concur with the majority Opinion to the extent that I do not believe that this Board has authority to grant this variance since it is not an area variance. However, I disagree with the remainder of this Board's findings.

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County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

DATE: December 16, 1993

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County OLD COURTHOUSE, ROOM 49 400 WASHINGTON AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

(410) 887-3180

December 16, 1993

Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire 323-325 South Conkling Street Baltimore, MD 21224

> RE: Case No. 93-333-SPHXA Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux

Dear Mr. Cuomo:

Enclosed please find a copy of the final Opinion and Order issued this date by the County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County in the subject matter. Also enclosed is a copy of Mr. Clark's Concurring Opinion.

> Very truly yours, Kathleen C. Wadenhammer /cm Kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

cc: Ms. Kathleen Stringfield Mr. Harold W. Tinsley Mr. Joseph Wantz People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. /ZADM Docket Clerk /ZADM Arnold Jablon, Director/ZADM

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IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, \* BEFORE THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE -W/S Dulaney Valley Road, 192'N \* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER of Swathmore Drive (1018 Dulaney Valley Road) \* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 9th Election District \* Case No. 93-333-SPHXA 4th Councilmanic District Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \* \*

### FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance filed by the owners of the subject property, Dennis and JoAnne Cuomo. The Petitioners request a special hearing to approve an amendment to the special exception granted in prior Case No. 86-173-X which permitted the conversion of the subject property, zoned R-O, from a Class A to a Class B office building, subject to certain conditions, and further, to revisit issues raised in prior Case No. 88-357-SPH, or, in the alternative, special exception relief for the existing Class B office building with medical offices exceeding 25% which existed prior to the effective date of Bill No. 37-88. The Petitioners also request a special hearing and/or special exception to amend the CRG Plan for the subject property to be consistent with its present use. Lastly, the Petitioners request a variance from Section 203.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an existing 25 sq.ft. sign in lieu of the maximum permitted 8 sq.ft. All of the relief requested is more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 6, the plat to accompany the Petitions filed.

Appearing on behalf of the Petitions were Dennis E. and JoAnn M. Cuomo, property owners. Appearing as Protestants in the matter were Kathleen Stringfield, C.E.O. for Dulaney Towers Maintenance Corporation, Harold W. Tinsley, Director, Physical Plant for Goucher College, Joseph Wantz, Towson Park Community Corporation, and numerous other concerned neighbors.

Testimony indicated that the subject property, known as 1018 Dulaney Valley Road, consists of 0.24 acres, more or less, zoned R-O, and is improved with a two-story office building. Said property is well known throughout the Baltimore County Zoning Offices and therefore, a brief review of its history is warranted. The subject property was granted R-O zoning in 1984. In 1985, the previous owner, Dr. Michael Spodak applied for a Class A office use of the subject property and received CRG approval for same, subject to certain restrictions: the hours of operation of the Class A office building were limited to from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; no more than five (5) employees were permitted to work at the site; and, only 1470 the first floor could be devoted to office space. The second floor was neither listed nor approved for office space use. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Spodak enclosed an existing porch area on the first floor containing 133 sq.ft. As a result of this expansion, Dr. Spodak was required to file a Petition for Special Exception to legalize the conversion of the subject property to a Class B office building. In October 1985, Dr. Spodak was granted a special exception for a Class B office building by the then Zoning Commissioner, Arnold Jablon. It should be noted that Dr. Spodak failed to submit an amended CRG plan showing the additional 133 sq.ft. of office space and while the special exception was granted by Mr. Jablon, the approved CRG plan was never amended. Mr. & Mrs. Cuomo now seek to amend the previously approved CRG plan to incorporate the additional 133

In the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, I do not have the authority to amend a previously approved CRG plan. Such an amendment

must proceed through different channels. Therefore, this portion of the Petitioners' request for special hearing and special exception to amend the previously approved CRG plan for this property must be dismissed.

Notwithstanding the approval of the subject property for use as office space, certain restrictions were attached thereto and still apply to Mr. & Mrs. Cuomo, the present owners of the building. The Cuomos do not feel that they should be required to abide by restrictions that were specifically directed to Dr. Spodak, the previous owner. They request that those restrictions be revisited by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner and modified to allow their use of the property in accordance with its zoning classification.

Along those lines, the Petitioners filed for a special exception requesting permission to utilize the existing building for medical offices exceeding 25% of the gross floor area of the building. It was made apparent to this Deputy Zoning Commissioner by the testimony presented by the Petitioners, and the strong objections voiced by the community and their representative who testified at the hearing, that this particular property is not an appropriate candidate for medical offices. The uncontradicted testimony presented at the hearing was that traffic conditions along Dulaney Valley Road at this location are very dangerous. Numerous residents testified concerning accidents and "near-misses" that have occurred along this road and its intersecting streets. Furthermore, there is an exit from the Baltimore Beltway (I-695) at this location which further contributes to the poor traffic situation.

It is well-known that medical offices generate a great deal of traffic, over and above what normally would be associated with an office use. Also, given the requested medical use and the number of parking spaces provided by this site, I do not feel that there is sufficient parking for the operation of medical offices at this location. Therefore, the Petition for Special Exception to permit medical offices to exist in excess of 25% of the gross floor area of this building shall be denied.

As to the present use of the property, testimony was offered by Mr. & Mrs. Cuomo. Mr. Cuomo, a practicing attorney in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, deemed it necessary to establish an office close to the center of Towson. He purchased the subject property and has located his legal offices on the first floor of the building. Mr. Cuomo currently employs one associate attorney and one secretary, and testified that he maintains office hours at this location on a part-time basis. Presently, the second floor of the building is vacant and the basement is used by the Petitioner's cousin who is an accountant. As a relative, he does not pay any rent to Mr. Cuomo. Mr. Cuomo further testified that the hours of his law office are from 9:00 AM to approximately 5:30 PM. He testified that on occasion, he or his associate will stay until approximately 7:00 PM, but that he generally does not schedule any appointments past 5:30 PM. Mr. Cuomo stated that he does not see any clients on the weekend but will occasionally do legal work on the weekend.

Mrs. Cuomo testified concerning the substantial improvements they have made to the property. She testified that most, if not all, of the improvements were done by themselves. She further testified concerning the existing sign which is located in the front yard. Mrs. Cuomo testified that she designed the sign and that she regularly maintains the landscaping around the sign to keep it attractive. All of those present were pleased with the appearance of the property and agreed that it is wellmaintained and beautifully landscaped. Because the size of the sign ex-

### BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Soning Administration & Development Management

DATE: January 28, 1994

FROM: Kathleen C. Weidenhammer County Board of Appears

SUBJECT: Closed File: Case No. 93-333-SPHXA Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux

As no appeals have been taken regarding the subject case, we are closing the file and returning same to you herewith.

Attachment

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND Legislative Session 1994 Legislative Day No. 16 Bill No. 149-94

> Mr. William A. Howard, IV, Councilman By Request of County Executive

By the County Council, September 7, 1994

A BILL

ENTITLED

AN ORDINANCE concerning

Massage Establishments - Licensure and Operation FOR the purpose of requiring a-license certain licenses for the ownership or operation of certain massage establishments and the administration of massages for monetary consideration; establishing procedures for the grant, denial, suspension, and revocation of licenses; establishing requirements for the operation of massage establishments; prohibiting certain acts; providing for enforcement; establishing penalties; and generally relating to the licensing and operation of massage establishments and massage technicians.

BY adding

Sections 20-50 through 20-71 20-70 Article III. Massage Establishments Title 20 "Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses' Baltimore County Code, 1988

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the County Council of Baltimore County,

Maryland, that Sections 20-50 through 20-71 20-70, Article III. EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law. Strike-out indicates matter stricken from bill.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

June 29, 1994

file

3411-94

Dear Mr. Kotroco:

111 W. Chesapeake Ave.

Towson, Maryland 21204

Baltimore County Government

Mr. Timothy M. Kotroco, Esquire,

Zoning Administration and

Development Management

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

Re: 512A & 516 Earl's Road, Case No. 93-335 SPHYA.

Pursuant to the above referenced zoning order we are submitting the Schematic Landscape Plan which shows trees to be saved; stamped and signed by Mr. Avary Harden.

Also be advised that the 758 foot private driveway has been bituminous concrete paved and speed bumps installed per the zoning

All storage trailers have been removal from the site per the zoning

The recommendations submitted by DEPRM as set forth in the letter dated April 23, 1993 from J. Lawrence Pilson have been complied

Sincerely Yours, BAFITIS & ASSOCIATES INC.

cc: Mr. Les Pittler Mr. Jack Farley

ADMITTED: MARYLAND

Vice President

Civil Engineers / Land Planners / Surveyors - 1249 Engleberth Road / Baltimore, Maryland 21221 / 410-391-2336

**DENNIS E. CUOMO** ATTORNEY AT LAW

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July 9, 1993

ZONING COMMISSIONE

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Attn: Honorable Timothy M. Kotroco

Re: 1018 Dulaney Valley Road Case no.: 93-333-SPHXA

Dear Deputy Soning Commissioner Kotroco:

I am in receipt of your decision dated June 21, 1993.

I attempted to respond to this earlier, however, the letter which I dictated was lost in the computer and I was on vacation.

illumination on my office sign. I am presently attempting to have an electrician come out to the premises to disconnect the lights as per your Order pending any

In any event, I would informally ask that you reconsider one minor area of your decision with respect to the allowance of

reconsideration you may allow pursuant to this letter. However, I have had some difficulty because of the time of the year in having my electrician present himself to make the changes necessary to take the automatic lighting off.

I am requesting that you consider allowing me a limited amount of night time lighting on the sign.

This is particularly important to me during the winter months when day light savings time is not in effect.

I would suggest that I be allowed to put a much more guarded and smaller wattage illumination on the signage than I presently am using.

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Courthouse Towson, MD 212 Attn.: Timoth

Re: 1018 Dulaney Valley Road Dear Deputy Commissioner Rotroco:

I enclose herewith information concerning a prospective tenant with regard to the second floor location at my office at 1018 Dulaney Valley Road. Your file will reflect the requirement that I have approval from the Board in order for me to have a tenant occupy this location.

You will note that the individuals involved are licensed massage therapists.

The representation that has been made to me would indicate that there would not be more than two or three clients utilizing the facility at any given time.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. If this tenant is acceptable to the Board, I would appreciate a written verification at your earliest

convenience so that I might attempt to negotiate a lease. I thank you for your kind attention and response.

> Very truly yours, Dennis E Cuomo /bc Dennis E. Cuomo

**DENNIS E. CUOMO** 

ATTORNEY AT LAW

323-385 S. CONKLING STREET

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 81834 TELEPHONE: (410) 678-7900

FAX: (410) 678-1540

July 20, 1993

Pursuant to the instructions given to me on the telephone today, please enter an Appeal on the portion of the Decision of

Deputy Soning Commissioner Kotroco dealing with the allowance of illumination on my sign at the subject location.

I enclose herewich my check in the amount of \$210.00 pursuant to the directions given to me.

Enclosure

LONG & FOSTER REAL ESTATE, INC.

BRANCH OFFICE ALTENORE, MARYLAND 21294

Dennis E. Cumomo/Attorney at Law Baltimore County Zoning Admin

To Whom It May Concern:

I am interested in lessing the office space located at; 1018 Dulaney Valley Towson, MD 21204. I am a certified message therapist and a member of the American Message Therapy Association.

It is my desire to start a therapy practice which offers stress reduction and relaxation message. I am a graduate of the Baltimore School of Message certified in Swedish and Deep Muscle Work.

I would like to open my office on January 1, 1995. Please contact my realtor (Charlene Lambert, pager 291-9175 or myself 410-692-6958) as soon as possible. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Schultz



New Home and Condominium Sales . Long & Fosser Insurance Agency, Inc.



ADMITTED: MARYLAND

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September 27, 1993

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Old Courthouse, Room 49 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204
Attn: William T. Hackett, Chairman of the Board

> RE: DEMMIS E. CUOMO, ET USE Case No.: 93-333-SPEXA

Dear Mr. Hackett:

I am respectfully requesting a postponement on the above-captioned case as I am currently scheduled to appear at the Circuit Court for Worcester County (Snowhill, Maryland) in the Matter of D. Becker which is an agreed date.

Further, I would respectfully request that this matter be rescheduled as soon as possible. I have December 700, 10, and 14th, available with my schedule.

I would appreciate your secretary contacting my office and speaking with Dawn, to verify if the above request has been granted and, to get an agreed date if the aforementioned dates are not available.

Your kind consideration to this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Inclosure Certified

12/09/43 is open date

Very truly yours,

TEMPERN 1018 BULANEY VALLEY READ

TOWERS, MARYLAND SINGS

TELEPHENE: (410) 888-8888

FAX: (410) 888-8860

Re: Petition for Variance

er truly yours.

1018 Dulaney Valley Road Case no.: 93-333-SPHXA

I thank you for your kind attention

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning & Zoning

Suite 113, Courthouse

400 Washington Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204 Attn: Appeal Section

DEC/das Enclosure

Dear Sir/Ms:

ADMITTED: MARYLAND



1021 Dulancy Valley Road Baltimore, Maryland 21204-2794 (410) 337-6000

July 18, 1993

Honorable Timothy M. Kotroco Baltimore County Government Zoning Commission Office of Planning and Zoning Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: 1018 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD - CASE # 93-333-SPHXA

### Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of the memo sent to you by Dennis E. Cuomo requesting special consideration and adjustment to the opinion you entered regarding the subject case. As you will recall, during the hearing the point was made several times that one of our major concerns was the continued pattern of violating the restrictions on the property and then asking the approval of the county after the fact. This is true of the sign and of the most recent request.

Mr. Cuomo knowingly violated the restrictions on the sign, requested and received relief and now wishes to modify the decision related to the lighting of the sign. It is interesting to note that the testimony reflects nothing related to a need for lights. We do not understand the need for lights, particularly since his business hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is also a concern that his location is immediately adjacent to residential property and extended lighting is inconsistent with a residential environment.

It was quite evident at the hearing that Mr. Cuomo did not wish to be held hostage to the memory of Dr. Spodak. The issue with Dr. Spodak was his continued efforts to make inappropriate exceptions to his zoning restrictions. For Mr. Cuomo to plead relief because of issues related to Dr. Spodak and then immediately request relief from this ruling clearly displays similar motivations, and is inconsistent with his original argument.



**September 28, 1993** 

Re: Case No 93-333-SPHXA: DENNIS E. CUOMO, ET UX (1018 Dulaney Valley Road)
Hearing: Wednesday, December 8, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

### Dear Ms. Weidenhammer:

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer

Old Courthouse, Room 49 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County

We wish to enter into the record of the above matter our objection to any relief being granted as to the ruling issued by Mr. Kotroco on June 21, 1993 and appealed by Mr. Cuomo on July 20, 1993.

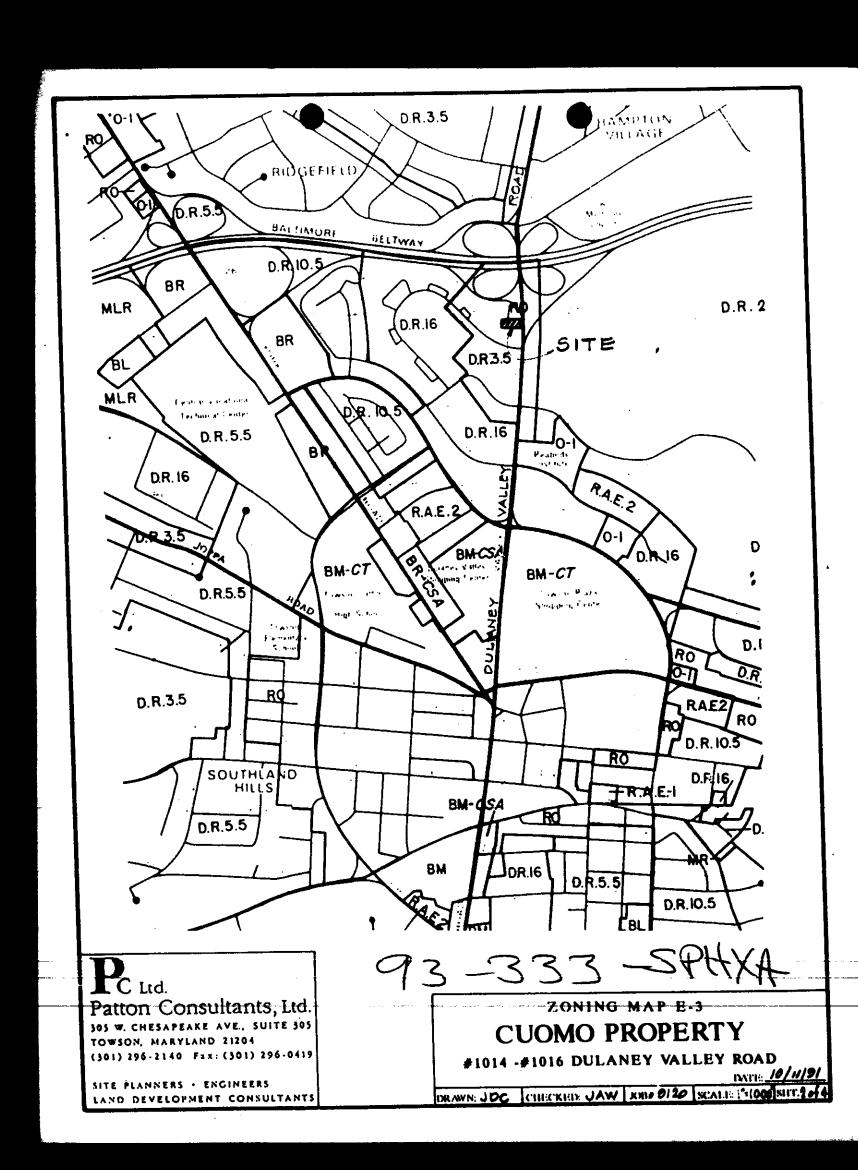
A review of the transcript will reveal that this is property with an ongoing history of zoning violations which the owner then appeals, in an effort to bring the law into compliance with personal goals rather than the owner acting in accord with existing law and within established, publicly determined, principles. Although Mr. Cuomo purchased most of this history rather than creating it, unfortunately in this instance, he is carrying the tradition forward.

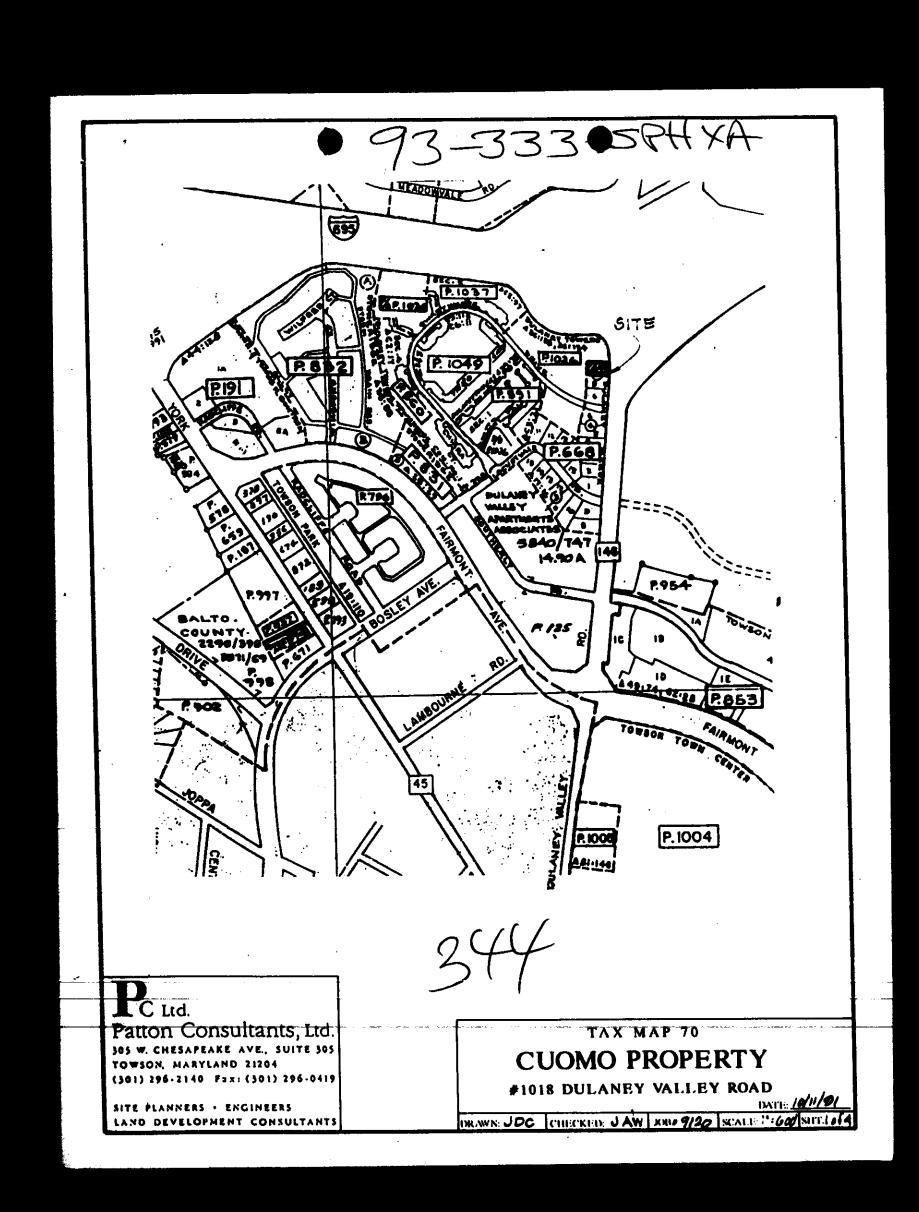
We appreciate the Cuomos' hard work fixing up the property. It's very attractive. However, we believe that, as found in the original decision, there is no need for the lights for a business operating during the day adjacent to the residential area.

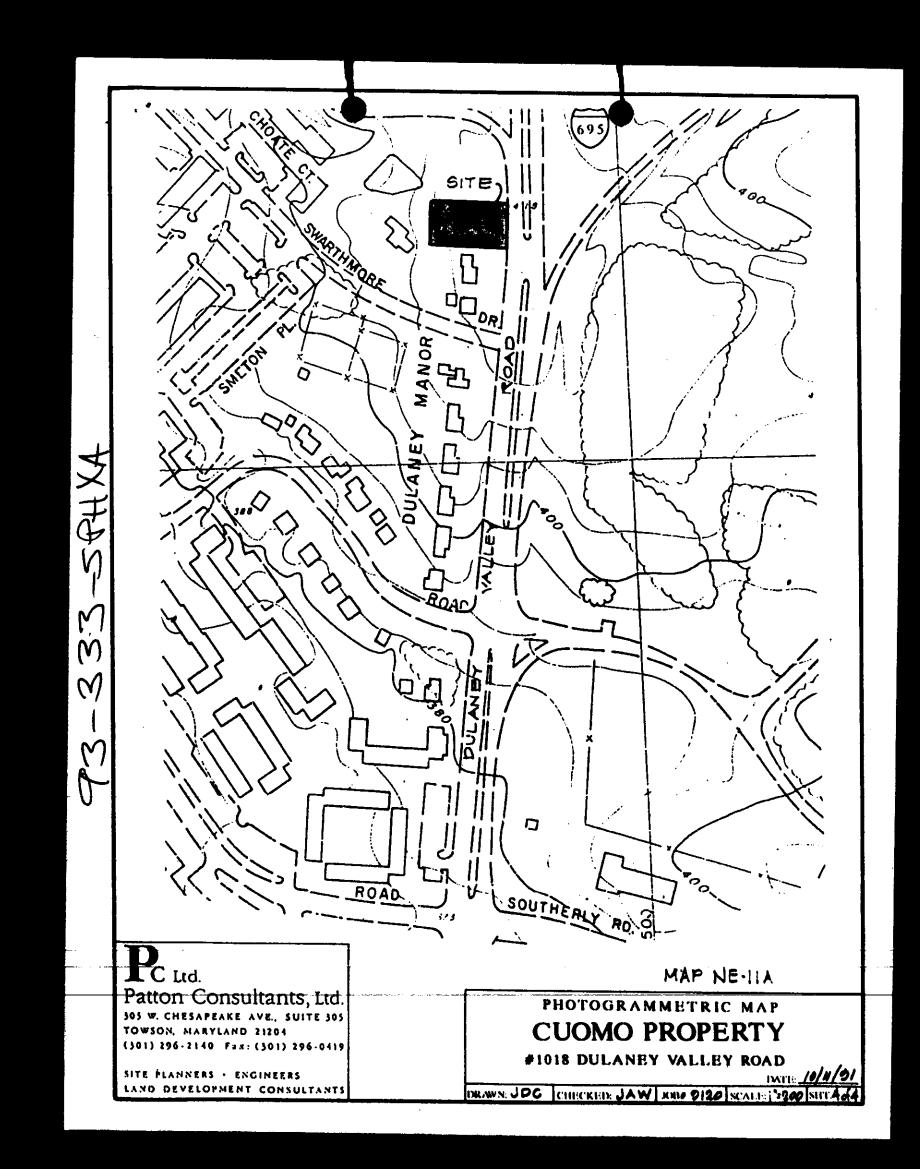
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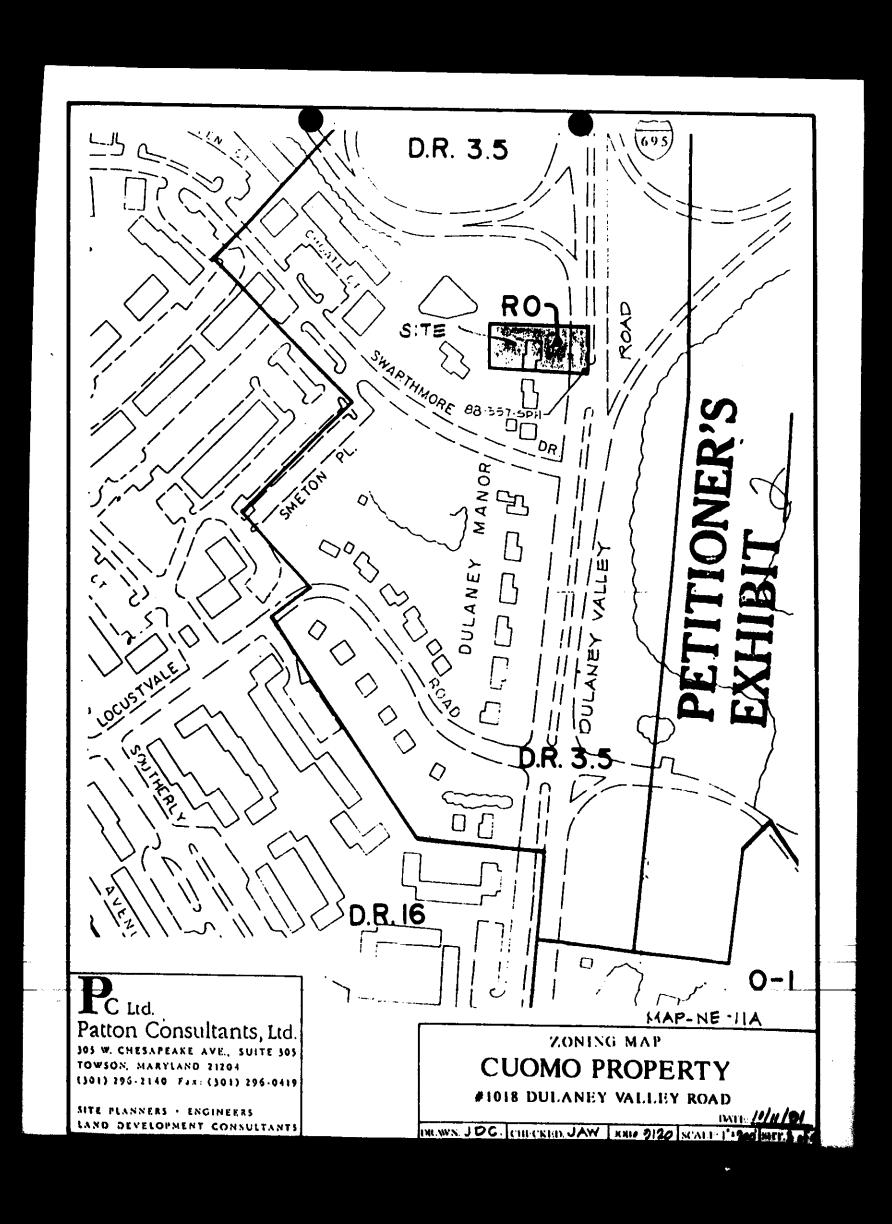
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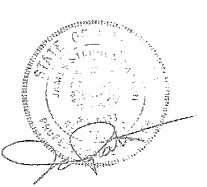
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# CUOMO PROPERTY 1018 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD ZONING DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the west side of Dulaney Valley Road which varies in width from 74.0 ft. to 80.0 ft. wide at the distance of 192.0 ft. north of the centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street. Swarthmore Drive, which is fifty (50) feet wide. Thence, the following courses and distances:

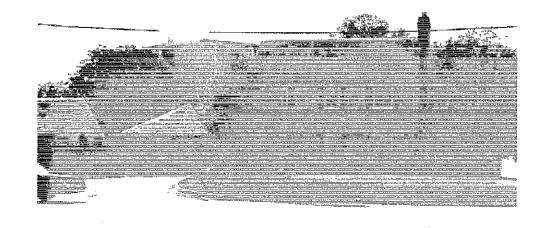
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To the place of beginning as recorded in Deed Liber 6678, Folio 0065. Being Lot #1018, Block  $\underline{4}$ , Section #1 of Dulaney Manor as recorded in Baltimore County Platbook #1506, Folio #350, subject to State Roads Commission Plats 16044 & 10503, containing 10,454 sq. ft., (0.24) acres). Also known as 1018 Dulaney Valley Road and located in the 9th Election District.



Site Planners and Engineers
Site Evaluation \* Land Development Consulting \* Expert Testimony \* Zoning

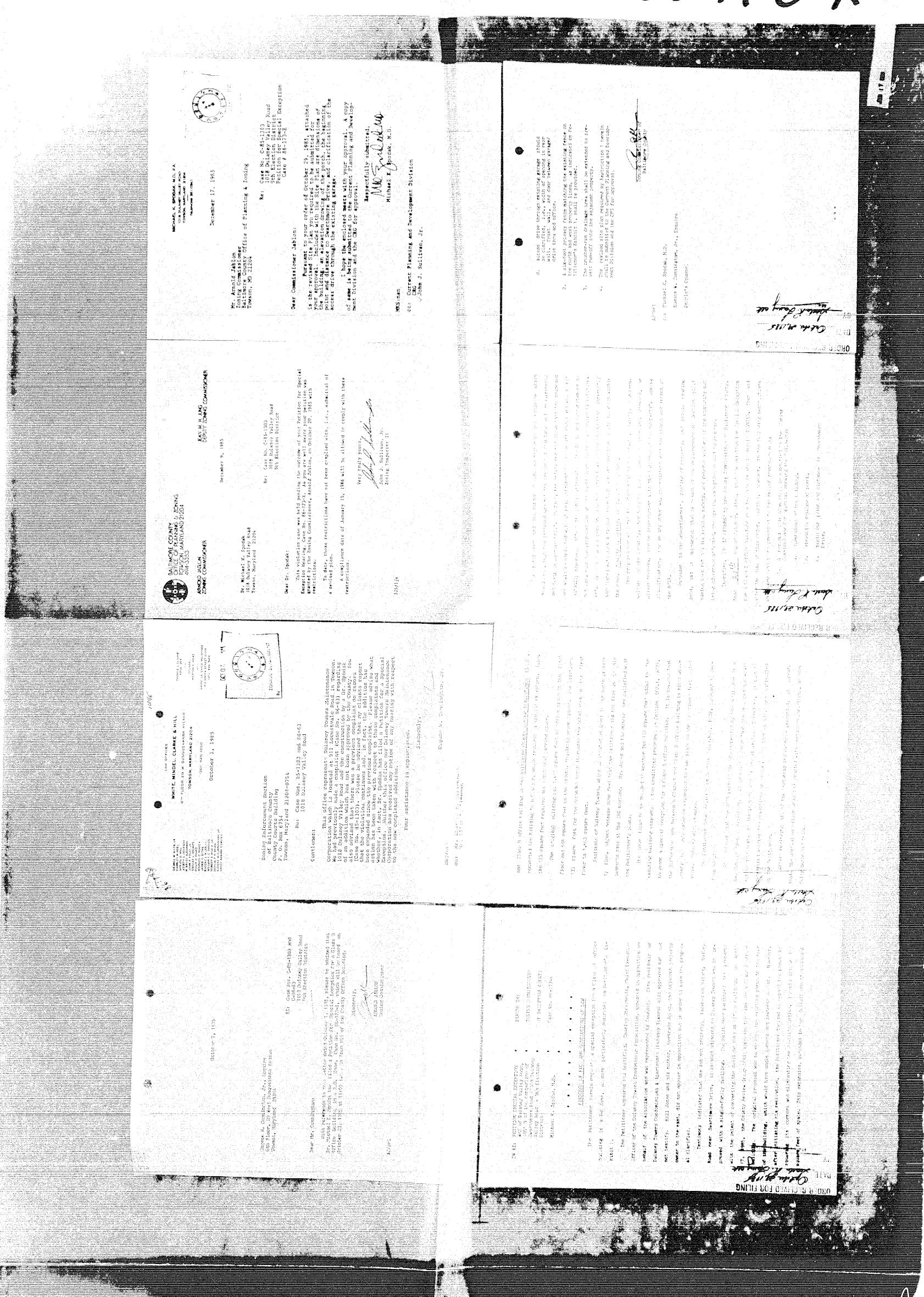
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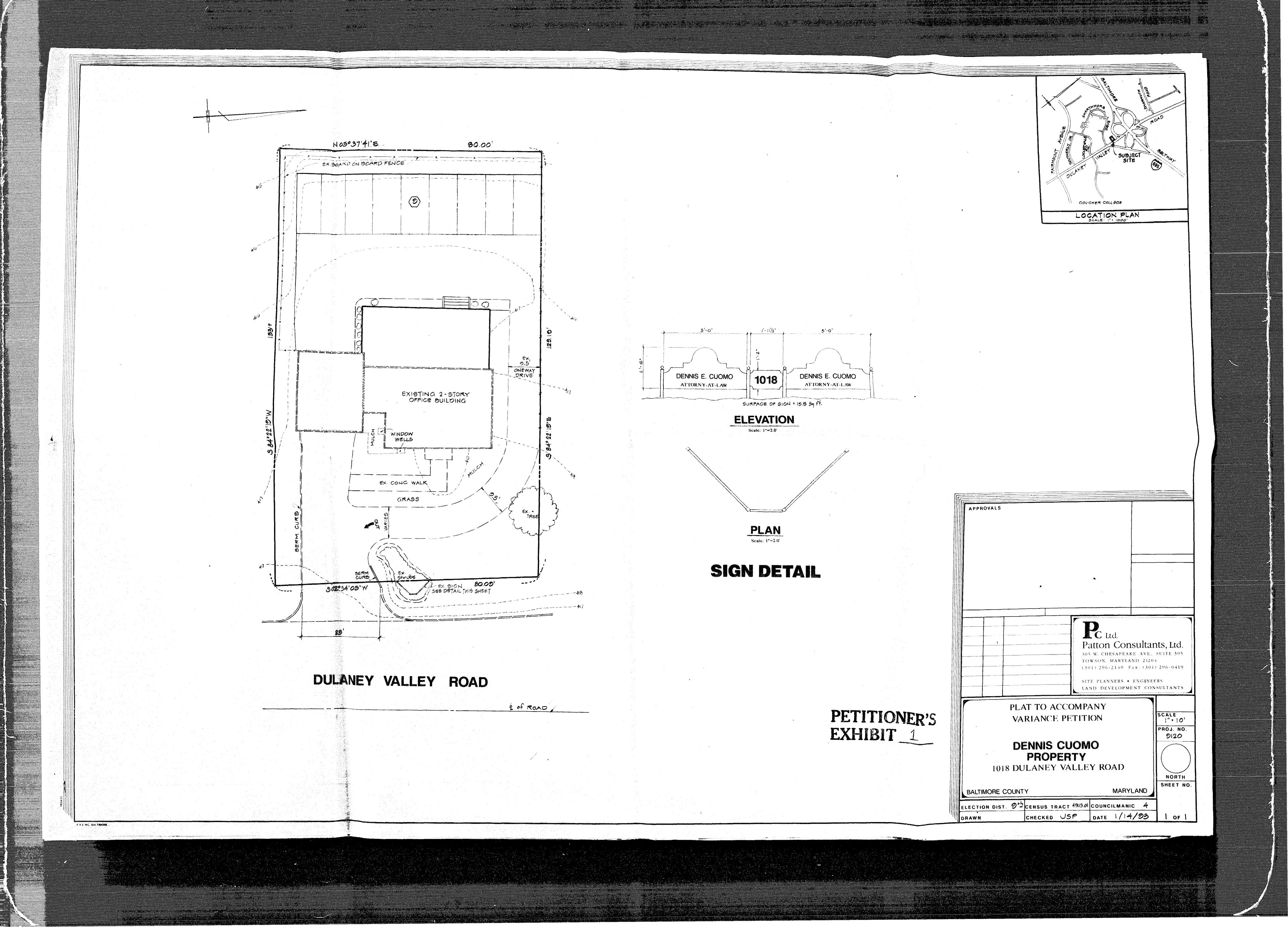


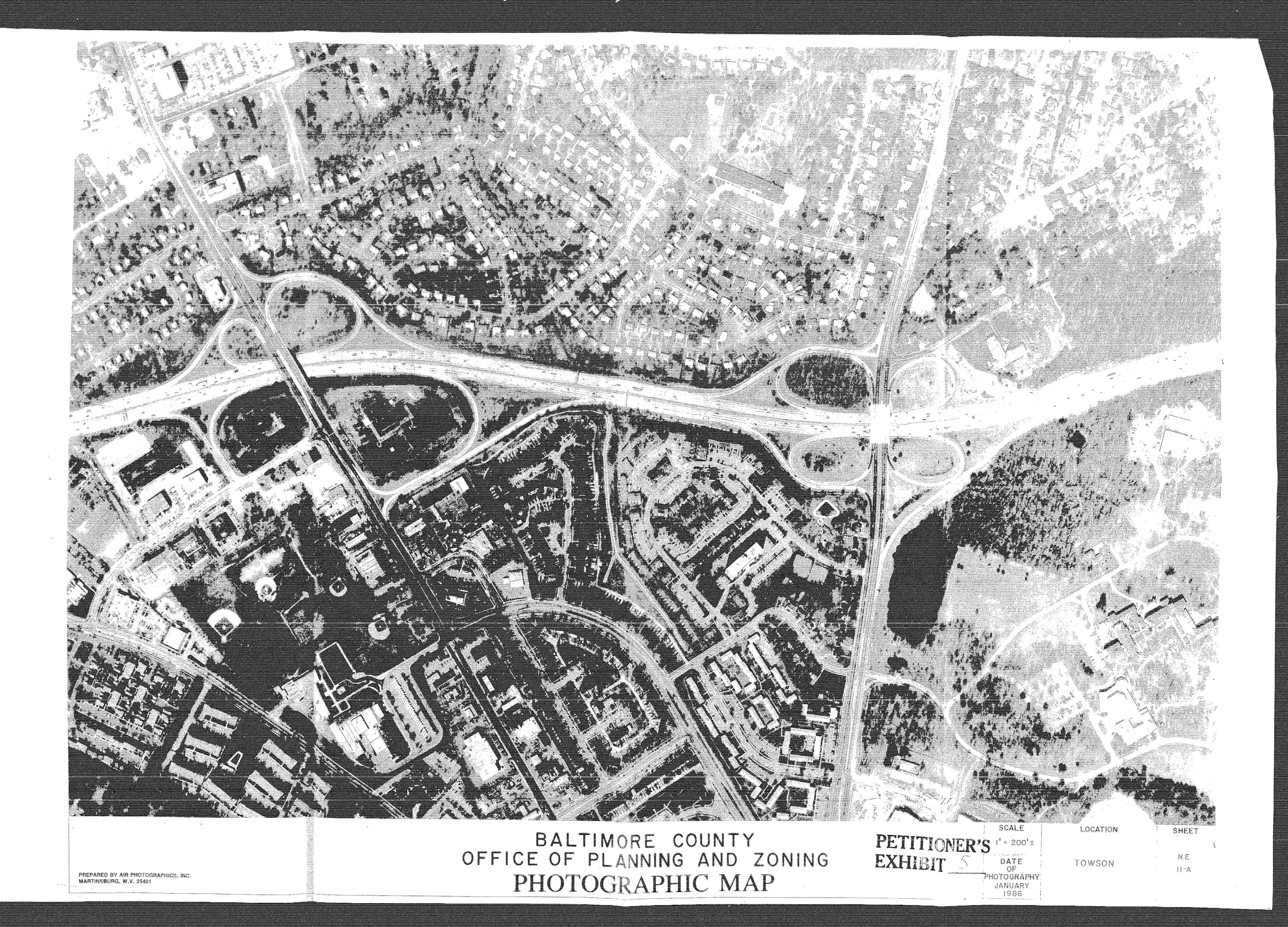


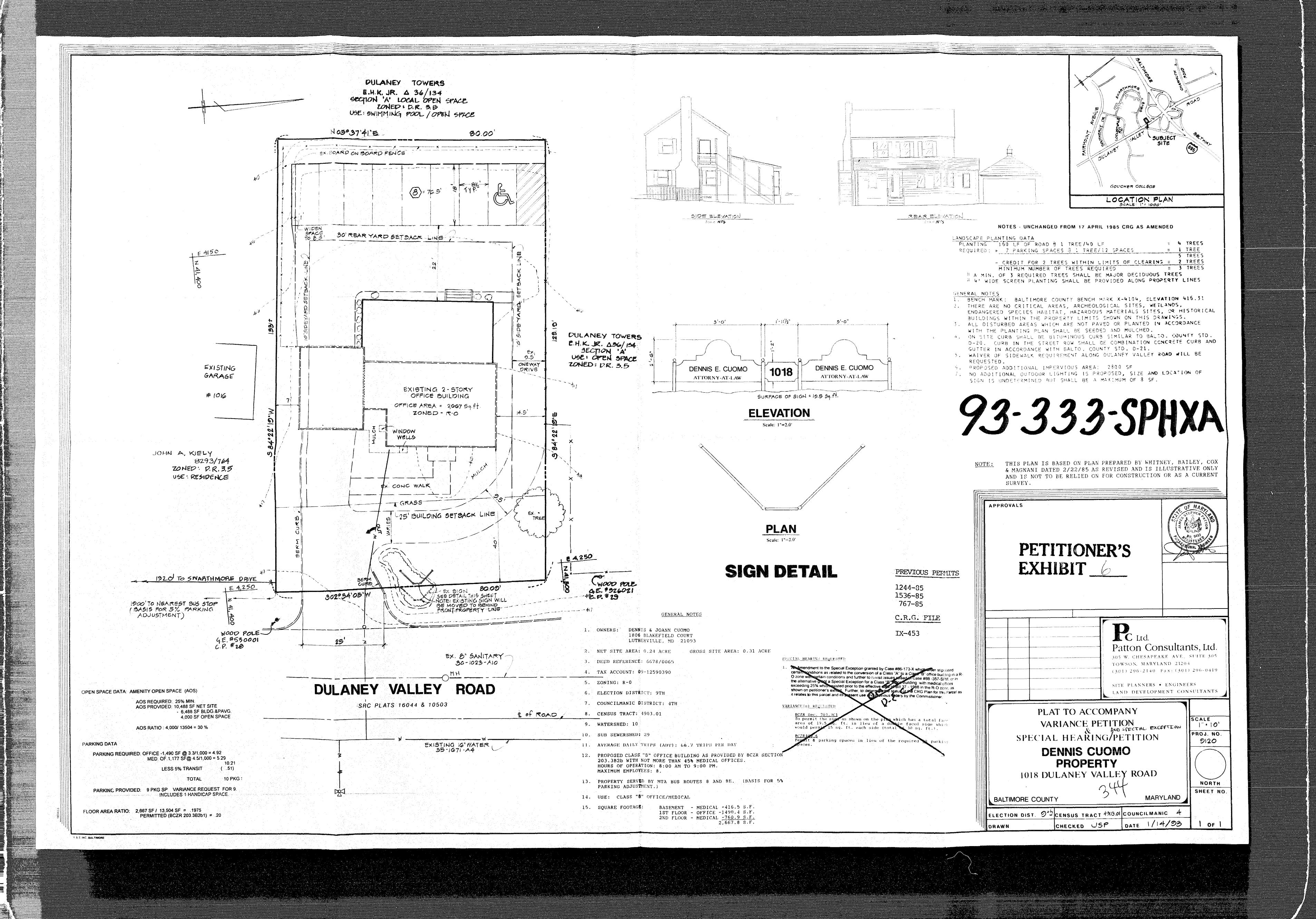


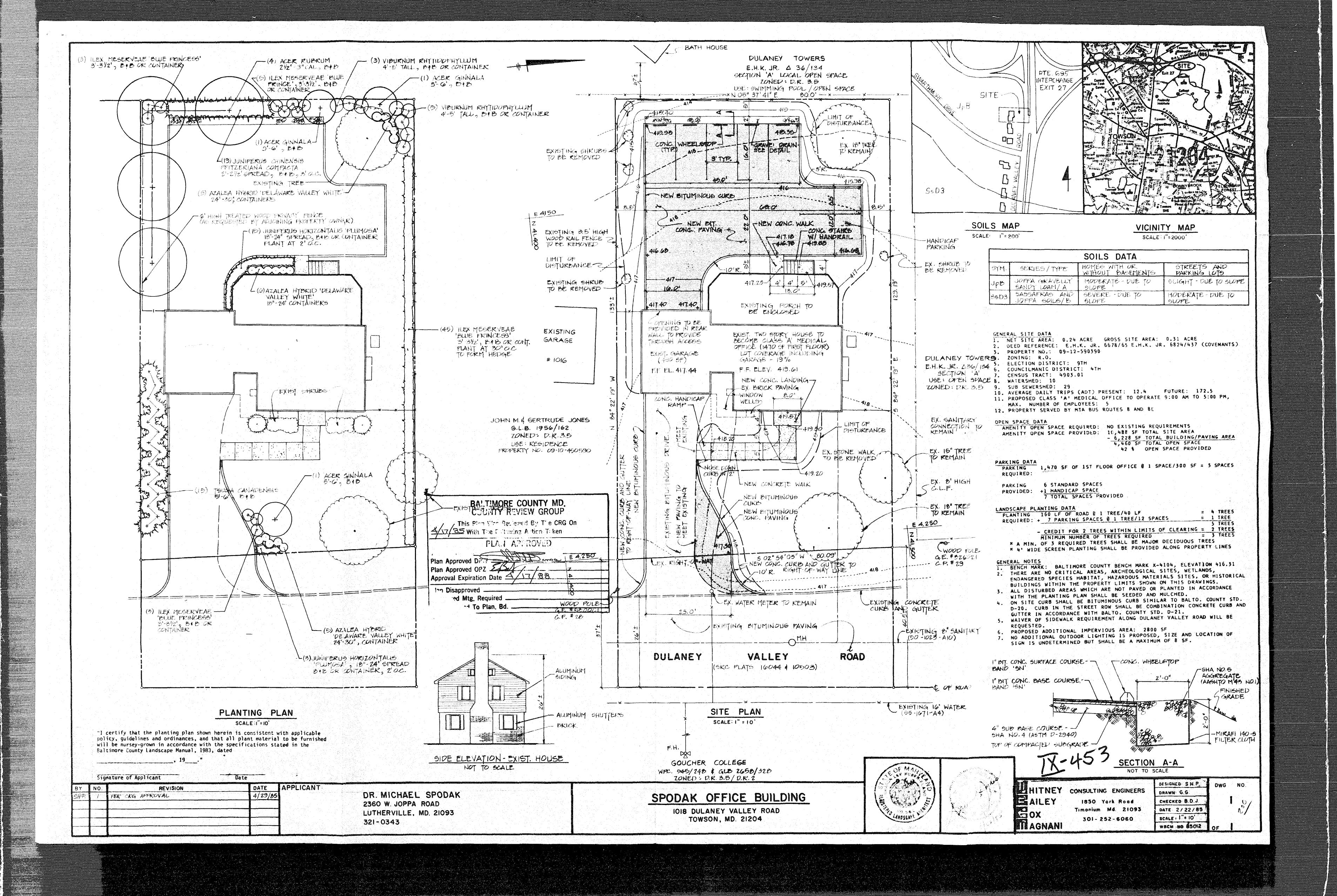
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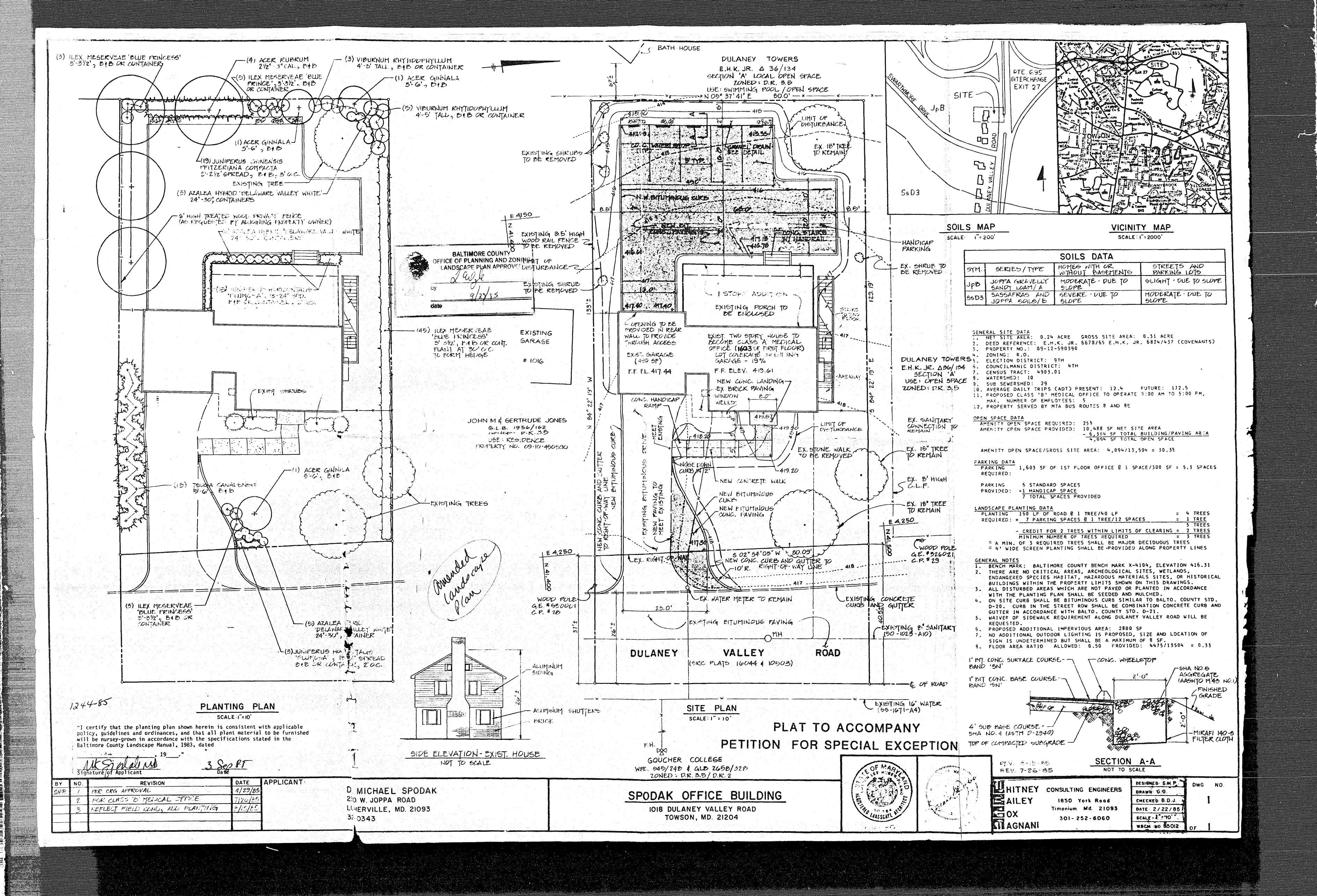












ceeds that permitted by the regulations, the Petitioners have requested a variance to legalize same.

On the issue of the sign, the citizens who appeared at the hearing are opposed to the relief requested. They voiced opposition to the fact that the sign is illuminated in the evening hours, but agreed that the subject sign is attractive and approve of the plantings chosen to landscape the sign.

It was obvious to this Deputy Zoning Commissioner that the Petitioners spent a great deal of time, money and effort to develop an attractive sign. The sign is low to the ground, unobtrusive and is attractively landscaped. Given these factors, I will grant the variance requested for the sign; however, I do not feel that it is necessary for the sign to be illuminated. Therefore, the Petitioners shall be required to remove all lighting fixtures associated with the subject sign and all lighting shall be removed within ten (10) days of the date of this Order. At no time shall the sign be illuminated.

sioner deal with those restrictions previously imposed upon the use of this property. Modifying or amending those restrictions is the last part of the special hearing request. The Petitioners are desirous of using this property in accordance with its zoning classification. It was obvious to this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, and was brought out at the hearing, that this property is not the most desirable location to maintain a residence. This property is located on Dulaney Valley Road, adjacent to the Baltimore Beltway, and is a highly congested and heavily travelled highway It certainly would be difficult to raise small children at this location. This is what probably persuaded the County Council to change the zoning of

The remaining issues to be resolved by this Deputy Zoning Commis-

this property from Residential to Residential/Office use. Office use of this property is the best use of the site, given all the factors previously contained in this Order. However, I do believe that its use as offices must be restricted. While I do not believe that the restrictions imposed upon Dr. Spodak should carry on with this property in perpetuity, I do believe that this is an appropriate time to revisit and revise those restrictions. I am also inclined to modify those restrictions in a manner that I feel best applies to the current use of the property.

It was obvious from the testimony presented that Mr. & Mrs. Cuomo have made a substantial investment in this property. They obviously care very much for their property as is evident by its appearance. Mr. Cuomo maintains his own office at the property and therefore, takes an interest in other tenants who may occupy the property from time to time. In my opinion. and I think the community residents would agree, Mr. & Mrs. Cuomo have been good neighbors. Therefore, I will grant the Petitioners' request for special hearing to approve a modification of the previous restrictions associated with this property and impose restrictions which I feel best address the use of this property. I believe it is in the best interests of the community that the use of this property be monitored from time to time by Baltimore County. The restrictions contained at the end of this Order will provide for that.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship would result if the special hearing and variance relief requested were not granted. It has been established that the requirements from which the Petitioner seeks relief would unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular parcel. In addition, the relief requested will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and general welfare.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome:

> 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

> 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variance is granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare. Further, the granting of the Petitioner's request is in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the special exception shall be denied and the special hearing and variance should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 215th day of June, 1993 that the Petition for Spe-

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cial Hearing requesting an amendment to the special exception granted in Case No. 86-173-X which permitted the conversion of the subject property from a Class A to a Class B office building, and to revisit issues raised in prior Case No. 88-357-SPH for the existing Class B office building, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 6, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the restrictions set forth hereinafter; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Variance requesting relief from Section 203.3.C.1 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to permit an existing 25 sq.ft. sign in lieu of the maximum permitted 8 sq.ft., in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 6, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

> 1) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted shall be rescinded.

2) The special hearing relief granted herein is limited to general office use, only. There shall be no medical offices whatsoever located within the subject building.

3) The second floor and basement levels of the subject property are permitted for use as office space, however, prior to the occupancy of the second floor or basement levels for such use, the Petitioners shall submit to this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, or my successor, a detailed letter explaining the type of business intending to rent said space and a copy of the lease for the proposed tenants. Any office use of the second floor or basement levels shall first be approved by this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, or my successor, prior to occupancy of same. This Deputy Zoning Commissioner, or my successor, shall have full discretion to reject any potential tenant that in this Office's opinion would overburden the use of the property as far as parking and/or the number of vehicular trips generated by such intended use.

4) All parking on the subject property shall be upon the paved macadam surface. There shall be no parking on any of the existing grassy areas on the property.

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5) The sign relief granted herein is conditioned upon said sign being maintained in good condition. At no time shall the sign be illuminated and all existing lighting/fixtures shall be removed within ten (10) days of the date of this Order.

6) When applying for any permits, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

7) Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, the Petitioners shall have recorded in the Land Records of Baltimore County a copy of this Order so that any future purchaser of the subject property is notified of the restrictions and conditions governing its use. A copy of the recorded deed shall be submitted to this Office for inclusion in the case file prior to the issuance of any occupancy permits.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petition for Special Exception requesting relief for an existing Class B office building with medical offices exceeding 25% which existed prior to the effective date of Bill No. 37-88, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 6, be and is hereby DENIED; and,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception to amend the CRG Plan for the subject property to be consistent with its present use, be and is hereby DISMISSED inasmuch as the Deputy Zoning Commissioner does not have the authority to rule upon such an amendment to the CRG.

> Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

June 21, 1993

Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire 1018 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE W/S Dulaney Valley Road, 192' N of Swathmore Drive (1018 Dulaney Valley Road) 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux - Petitioners Case No. 93-333-SPHXA

Dear Mr. Cuomo:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petitions for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance have been granted in part, denied in part, and dismissed in part, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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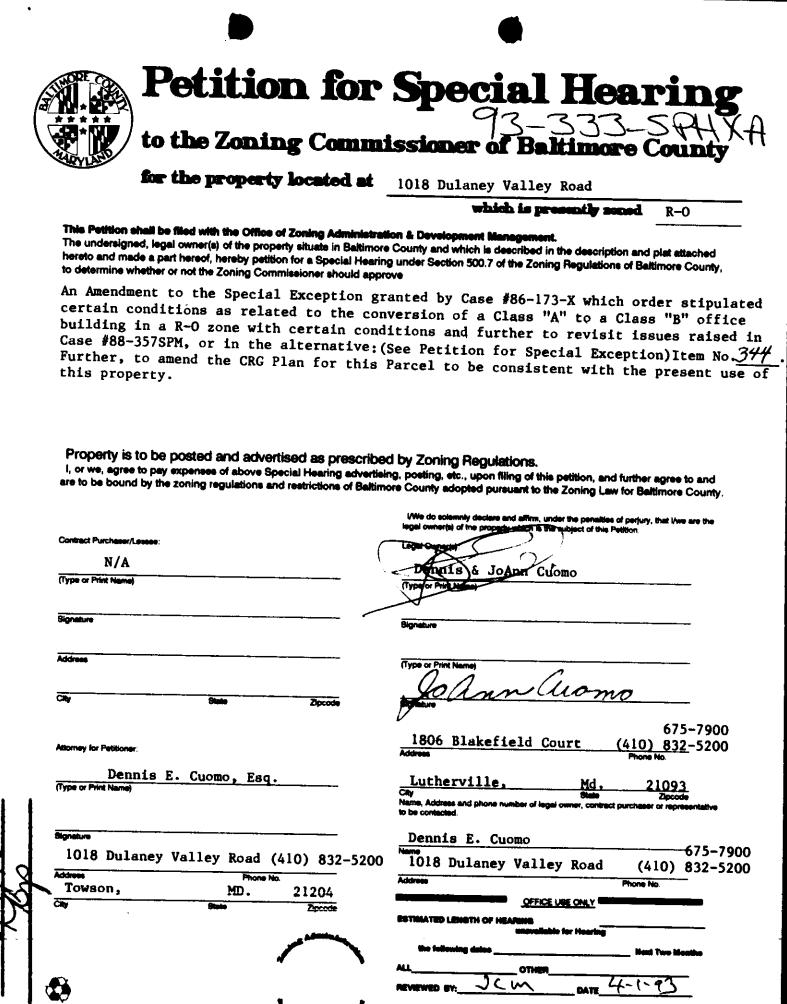
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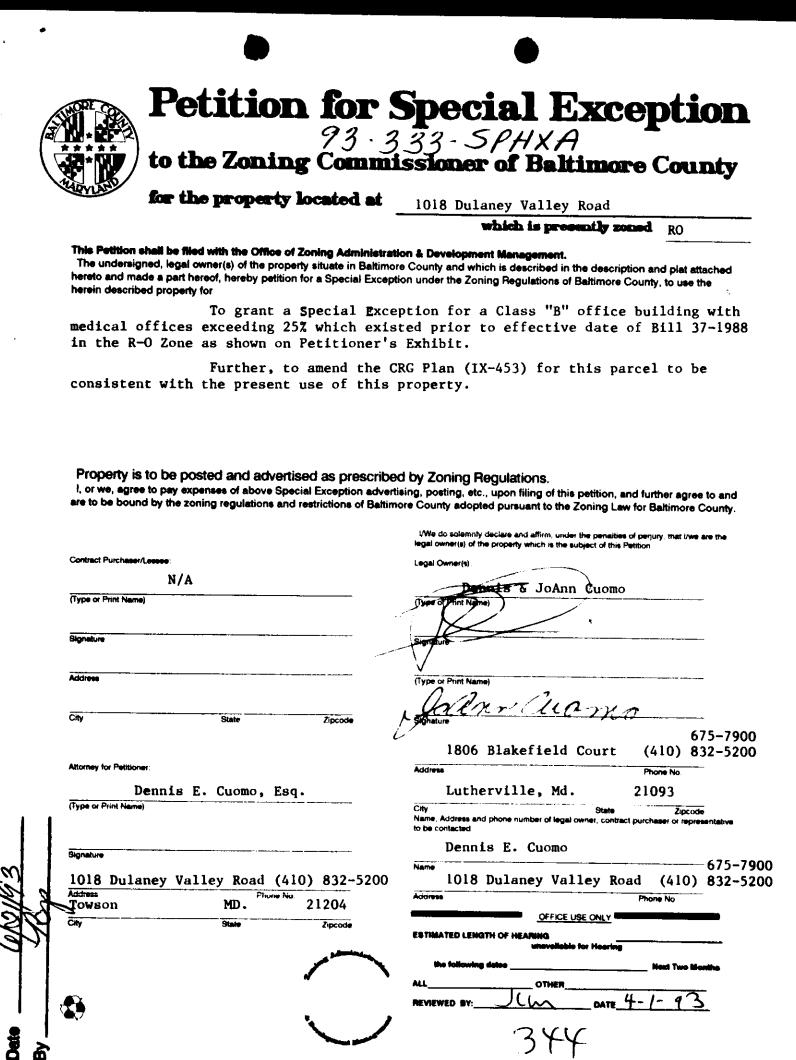
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for the property located at 1018 Dulaney Valley Road

This Potition shall be filled with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 203.3c.l of Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to allow 25 sq. feet of signage

(as presently exists) in lieu of the 8 sq. feet of signage as currently provided of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

Signage requirement makes it impossible to effectively identify the Business at the subject location due to its direct proximity to the Baltimore Beltway (695)

ingress and egress. Cars and other vehicles routinely exit and enter the Beltway at speeds exceeding 45 miles per hour while vehicles on Dulaney Valley Road also travel ± 45. And to illuminate for same.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, poeting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

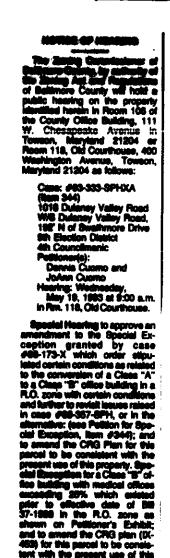
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#### LEGAL DESCRIPTION 1018 DULAMBY VALLEY ROAD

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### ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

For newspaper advertising: Petitioner: DENNIS LOCATION: 1018 DULLANES PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: ADDRESS: 1018 DULLANEY VALLEY B. PHONE NUMBER: 832-5200

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towner, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Evenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows

CASE NUMBER: 93-333-SPHIA (Item 344) 1018 Dulaney Valley Road W/S Dulaney Valley Road, 192' N of Swathmore Drive 9th Election District - 4th Councilmenic Petitioner(s): Dennis Cuomo and Johnn Cuomo HEARING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse

Special Hearing to approve an amendment to the Special Exception granted by case \$86-173-X which order stipulated certain conditions as related to the conversion of a Class "A" to a Class "B" office building in a R.O. zone with certain conditions and further to revisit issues raised in case #68-357-SPH, or in the alternative: (see Petition for Special Exception, Item #344); and to amend the CRG Plan for this parcel to be consistent with the present use of this property. Special Exception for a Class "B" office building with medical offices exceeding 25% which existed prior to effective date of Bill 37-1988 in the R.O. zone as shown on Petitioner's Exhibit; and to smend the CRE plan (IX-453) for this percel to be consistent with the present use of this property. Variance to allow 25 square ft. of signage (as presently exists) in lieu of the 8 square it. of signage as currently provided for.

Dennis E. Cucso, Esq.

NOTE: HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



(410) 887-3353

May 10, 1993

Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire 1018 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, MD 21204

> RE: Case No. 93-333-SPHXA, Item No. 344 Petitioner: Dennis Cuomo and JoAnn Cuomo Petition for Special Hearing, Special Exception and Variance

Dear Mr. Cuomo:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., Zoning Commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on April 1, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process with this office.

1) The Director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by Zoning personnel.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: April 16, 1993 Zoning Administration and Development Management

The Pevelopment Flan Review Section has reviewed the subject coming item. A final landscape plan based on the County Review Group Landscape Flan is required.

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Attachment

with restrictions:

Council, Dr. Spodak - property owner.

FROM Robert W. Bowling, Senior Engineer Pevelopment Plan Review Joning Advisory Committee Meeting for April 19, 1993 Item No. 344

O. James Lighthizer Hal Kassoff

4-10-93

HELENE KEHRING Mr. Julio-Winterski Zoning Administration and **Development Management** County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

KEHRING! Dear Ms. Winhardi:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

John Contestabile, Chief Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is 410-333-1350 Teletypewriter for impaired Hearing or Speech
383-7555 Baltimore Metro - 565-0451 D.C. Metro - 1-800-492-5062 Statewide Toll Free
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BALTIMORE COUNTY. MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

P FROM: <u>Jerry L. Pfeifer, Captain</u>

Fire Department SUBJECT: Zoning Petitions

1. Revised plan showing dimensions of the building, elevation drawing of the #327

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porch is to be submitted for C.R.G. approval. 2. Extend a 6' privacy fence on the north and west property lines. 3. Extend crusher run drainage area.

1984- property was given R.O., Residential Office zoning by the Baltimore County

4/17/85- C.R.G. approval for a Class A Office Building with the following restric-

3. There would be 1470 square feet of office use on the first floor, no use

8/15/85- Porch area is proposed to be enclosed. C.R.G. plan is amended for 1603

10/29/85- Special Exception for a Class B office building is granted, 86-173X

set forth in 86-173X, C.R.G. plan was not amended. 10/3/89- Board of Appeals denies 88-357SPH, a request to change the number of employees and the hours of operation. Testimony and evidence is presented that he has "virtually ignored the restriction of hours, virtually ignored the restriction on the number of employees, and his patients have, on occasion, created parking problems in the neighborhood." (Board of Appeals order).

11/6/87- Spodak is cited for failure to comply with conditions and restrictions

9/90- Violation proceedings are suspended when Spodak moves out.

10/30/90- Property is sold to Dennis and JoAnn Cuomo.

1. The hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

square feet of office use; other restrictions remain the same.

2. The maximum number of employees would be five.

shown of the basement or second floor.

10/24/91- Cuomo requests rezoning from R.O. to O.1 - CZMP Issue 4-024.

1/9/92- Citation for zoning violation is made for operation of a Class B office building without benefit of an approved C.R.G. plan, Special Exception and use of an office building for the operation of medical offices occupying more than 25% of the total adjusted gross floor area.

A stet agreement is subsequently approved due to the pending Comprehensive Map issue.

10/15/92- Baltimore County Council adopts Comprehensive Zoning Maps retaining R.O. zoning.

1/26/93- Citation for zoning violation is made for a sign in excess of 8 square feet without benefit of a zoning variance.

TO: Zoning Advisory Committee DATE: <u>April 16. 1993</u>

No comments No comments #332 No comments #340 No comments #341 No comments #342 No comments #343 No comments

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The building shall be built in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Life Safety Code and the County Fire Code.

No comments

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

BALTIORE COUNTY, MARY ND

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: April 29, 1993

INFORMATION

Item Number:

Requested Action:

Zoning Administration &

Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director

SUBJECT: 1018 Dulaney Valley Road

Office of Planning and Zoning

Dennis & JoAnn Cuomo

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Petitioner is requesting a Special Hearing to amend the Special Exception for a Class B office building granted in Case No. 86-173X or alternatively a Special Exception for a Class B office building with medical offices exceeding 25%. In

either case, an amendment of the C.R.G. plan is requested to be consistent with the present use of the property. A sign Variance has been requested for an exist-

On a procedural note, the requested amendment to the C.R.G. plan may be outside

the scope of the Zoning Commissioner's hearing; it may need to be amended by the C.R.G., unless this is a hearing officer's hearing utilizing the new development

The history of the property is important because it establishes a framework for these comments and it demonstrates that the current owner and previous owner have both expanded the Class B office building above and beyond the approved C.R.G. Plan and Special Exception (see attachment). The site is approved for 1603 square feet of office use on the first floor, no more than five employees, seven

parking spaces, and hours of operation from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Variance is noted on the plan as being requested, but a petition is lacking.

ing sign that is 25 square feet in lieu of the required 8 square feet. A parking

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July 21, 1993

Ms. Kathleen Stringfield Dulaney Towers Maintenance Corp. 911 Locustvale Road Towson, MD 21204 Mr. Harold W. Tinsley Director of Physical Plant Coucher College 1021 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, MD 21204

Mr. Joseph Wantz Towson Park Community Corporation 940 Radcliffe Road Towson, MD 21204

RE: Petition for Variance W/S Dulaney Valley Road, 192' N of Swathmore Drive (1018 Dulaney Valley Road) 9th Election District 4th Councilmanic District Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux -Petitioner Case No. 93-333-SPHXA

Dear Ms. Stringfield, Mr. Tinsley and Mr. Wantz:

Please be advised that an appeal of the above-referenced case was filed in this office on July 20, 1993 by Dennis E. Cuomo. All materials relative to the case have been forwarded to the Board of Appeals.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Julie Winiarski at 887-3391.

Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire People's Counsel

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It has consistently been the position of this office that the C.R.G. plan approved as amended on 8/15/85 and the Special Exception for Class B office building, 86-173% allow for a reasonable use of 1018 Dulaney Valley Road. The restrictions concerning number of employees, hours of operation and use are reasonable given that the property is within a Community Conservation Area within the Towson Community Plan, and surrounded by D.R. 3.5 zoning. The Baltimore County Council retained the R.O. zoning on the site during the Comprehensive Zoning Map Process, with maps adopted on 10/15/92.

The purpose of the R.O. zone as stated in the B.C.Z.R. is "that the buildings and houses in R.O. zones shall be highly compatible with and not intrude upon or disturb present or prospective uses of nearby residential property. It is not the R.O. classification's purpose to accommodate a substantial part of the demand for office space, it being the intent of these Zoning Regulations that office space demand should be met primarily in C.T. districts, C.C.C. districts and to a lesser extent in other commercial areas."

The site's close proximity to the Beltway ramp makes the increased number of trips due to expanded office use, highly undesirable and detrimental to the health, safety and welfare of the area. It is the opinion of this office that traffic congestion will result if 45% of the building is used for medical offices. A parking Variance for nine spaces instead of 10 is also undesirable due to the fact that a maximum of eight employees are proposed and that medical offices generally generate more trips per day than general offices. If all three floors are used for office use, the parking required is greater than what has been shown on the plan. The sign Variance is not in keeping with the spirit and intent of the R.O. zone. An 8 square foot sign should be adequate due to the high visibility of the site near the Beltway ramp; the 25 square foot sign is existing without benefit of proper approval.

In conclusion, it is the recommendation of this office that the S.E., SPH and Variance be denied and the site returned to compliance with the approved C.R.G.

PK/JL:lw Attachment

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Petition for Variance W/S Dulaney Valley Road, 192' N of Swathmore Drive (1018 Dulaney Valley Road) 9th Election District - 4th Councilmanic District Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux -Petitioner Case No. 93-333-SPHXA

Petition(s) for Variance \*\*appealed only

Petitions(s) for Special Hearing and Special Exception

Description of Property

Certificate of Posting

Cortificate of Publication

Zoning Plans Advisory Committee Comments

Petitioner(s) and Protestant(s) Sign-In Sheets

Petitioner's Exhibits: 1 - Plat to Accompany Variance

2 - Zoning Map NE-11A

3 - Zoning Description

4 - Three Photographs of Signage

5 - Topographic Map

6 - Plat to Accompany Variance, Special Hearing and Special Exception

Deputy Zoning Commissioner's Order dated June 21, 1993 (special exception-denied, and special hearing hearing and variancegranted)

Notice of Appeal received on July 20, 1993 from Dennis E. Cuomo

c: Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire, 323-325 South Conkling Street, Baltimore. MD 21224

Ms. Kathleen Stringfield, Dulaney Towers Maintenance Corp., 911

Locustvale Road, Towson, MD 21204 Mr. Harold W. Tinsley, Director of Physical Plant, Goucher

College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, MD 21204 Mr. Joseph Wantz, Towson Park Community Corporation, 940

Radcliffe Road, Towson, MD 21204

People's Counsel of Baltimore County

Rm. 304, County Office Bldg., Towson, Md. 21204

Request Notification: P. David Fields, Director of Planning & Zoning Patrick Keller, Office of Planning & Zoning

Timothy M. Kotroco, Deputy Zoning Commissioner W. Carl Richards, Jr., Zoning Coordinator Docket Clerk Arnold Jablon, Director of ZADM

### NIMITES OF DELIBERATION

IN THE MATTER OF: Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux Case No. 93-333-SPHXA

December 9, 1993

Board to grant.

Michael B. Sauer, Acting Chairman (MBS) BOARD /PANEL C. William Clark

Harry E. Buchheister, Jr.

(HEB)

Kathleen C. Weidenhammer SECRETARY Administrative Assistant

Those present included Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire, Petitioner; Carole S. Demilio, Deputy People's Counsel for Baltimore

PURPOSE -- to deliberate issues and matter of Petitioner's request for an illuminated sign on the property which is the subject of this appeal. Hearing had on December 9, 1993; open deliberation immediately following at conclusion of hearing.

CWC: Opening comments /review of testimony; found practical difficulty in location of property; would restrict use of lighting as testified to; not permit illumination after 8:00 p.m. at night; however, expressed problem with BCZR 203.3; further reviewed appropriate zoning regulations; believes this to be a use variance as opposed to area variance and therefore request must be denied.

Request must be denied /use variance; not within authority of

MBS: Considered and read Opinion/Order of Deputy Zoning Commissioner; believes to be well-reasoned; discussed zoning regulations relative to small office uses in residential areas, such as Towson, and use of R.O. zoning; briefly described character of neighborhood. Agrees with Mr. Clark that this is not an area variance; appears more likely to be use variance, and as such CBA does not have any authority to grant use variance; however, also is not persuaded by testimony that it should be granted; believes that request

Minutes of Deliberation /Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux /93-333-SPHXA

as to illumination of sign should be denied.

Request should be denied; not within authority to grant.

NEB: Briefly stated his position and further expressed his opinion that request for illuminated sign should be denied. Request should be denied.

Closing statement by Acting Chairman Sauer; written opinion and order to be issued by the Board reflecting final decision; time for appeal to run from date of that written Opinion and Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Administrative Assistant

9/22/93 - Following parties notified of hearing set for Wednesday, December 8, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.:

Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire Ms. Kathleen Stringfield Dulancy Towers Maintenance Corp. Mr. Harold W. Tinsley Goucher College Mr. Joseph Wantz Towson Park Community Corp. People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. /ZADM Docket Clerk /ZADM Arnold Jablon, Director /ZADM

9/30/93 - Letter from Dennis E. Cuomo -requesting reassignment of hearing date from scheduled date of December 8th due to Circuit Court conflict /Worcester County. Available dates of 12/07; 12/09; 12/10; and 12/14, if possible dates on Board's schedule.

10/08/93 -Notice of PP and Reassignment sent to above parties: case rescheduled to Thursday. December 9. 1993: Mr. Cuomo's secretary, Dawn, notified by telephone of rescheduled date.

12/09/93 -Hearing had before Board; at conclusion of testimony and evidence, Board deliberated; Request for illuminated sign DENIED to be DENIED. Written Opinion and Order to be issued, with appeal period running from date of that written Order.

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

July 16, 1993

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire 1018 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE 1018 Dulaney Valley Road Case No. 93-333-8PHXA

Dear Mr. Cuomo:

In response to your letter dated July 9, 1993 in which you have requested a slight modification of my decision in the above-captioned matter to permit limited illumination of your office sign, the following comments are offered.

After considering the contents of your correspondence, I do not believe that sufficient reason exists to allow the sign to continue to be illuminated at any time of day. As was noted at the hearing, the citizens of this community have fought hard to maintain what's left of the residential character of their neighborhood and I believe that an illuminated sign will detract from that residential setting. Therefore, your request for modification is being denied herewith.

As you know, you have the right to appeal my decision provided you do so within thirty (30) days of the date of my Order. Should you wish to pursue this matter through the appeals process, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391 for further information and filing fees.

> Very truly Jours, My they 1/0 frame TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

TMK:bjs

cc: Ms. Kathleen Stringfield, Dulaney Towers Maintenance Corp. 911 Locustvale Road, Towson, Md. 21204

Mr. Harold W. Tinsley, Director of Physical Plant, Goucher College, 1021 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, Md. 21204

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**Baltimore County Government** Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

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July 27, 1993

Mr. Harold W. Tinsley Director of Physical Plant Services Goucher College 1021 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL HEARING, SPECIAL EXCEPTION & VARIANCE 1018 Dulaney Valley Road Dennis E. Cuomo - Petitioner Case No. 93-333-SPHXA

Dear Mr. Tinsley:

In response to your letter dated July 18, 1993 concerning the above-captioned matter, the following comments are offered.

Perhaps our correspondence has crossed in the mail; however, I am enclosing herewith another copy of my response (dated July 15, 1993) to Mr. Cuomo's request for modification to permit limited illumination of his office sign. I believe the enclosed correspondence will address the concerns raised in your letter.

In the event you have any further questions on the subject, please do not hesitate to contact me.

> Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County



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ASSIGNED FOR:

Docket Clerk /ZADM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

Appellant /Petitioner cc: Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire Ms. Kathleen Stringfield Dulaney Towers Maintenance Corp. Mr. Harold W. Tinsley Goucher College Mr. Joseph Wantz Towson Park Community Corp. People's Counsel for Baltimore County P. David Fields Lawrence E. Schmidt Timothy M. Kotroco W. Carl Richards, Jr. /ZADM

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REASSIGNED FOR: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

cc: Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire Appellant /Petitioner Ms. Kathleen Stringfield

Dulaney Towers Maintenance Corp. Mr. Harold W. Tinsley Goucher College Mr. Joseph Wantz Towson Park Community Corp.

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January 28, 1994

Dennis E. Cuomo, Esquire 323-325 South Conkling Street Baltimore, MD 21224

RE: Case No. 93-333-SPHXA

Dennis E. Cuomo, et ux

Dear Mr. Cuomo:

As no appeals have been taken regarding the subject matter, we have closed the file and returned same to the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management, along with any exhibits

Anyone interested in either the file or the exhibits is advised to contact the Zoning Director's office at 887-3353 immediately upon receipt of this letter. By copy of this letter, all parties of record that may have an interest in this file have

entered in this matter. The Zoning Office maintains the permanent

Very truly yours, kathleen C. Weidenhammer Administrative Assistant

cc: Ms. Kathleen Stringfield Mr. Harold W. Tinsley Mr. Joseph Wantz People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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